

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Adrian McDaniel Mike Koss Jacqueline Cox
Betty Gosney Gregory Ware

Council Members Absent

Eric Scott Lynda Gonzales

Minutes

Chair Adrian McDaniel moved to postpone the approval of the minutes to the February meeting since the MAC members had not had the opportunity to review them. All were in favor and the minutes are scheduled to be approved at the February meeting.

New Business

Proposed Recycling Facility at 10065 Alder Avenue, Bloomington

Mr. Ron Knuckles is property owner of the building located at the northeast corner of the intersection at Alder and Valley Blvd. Mr. Knuckles brought the proposal of the new tenants who are interested in leasing his facility. He said they are proposing opening a recycling center at his property. They have licenses from the state already. He stated that he wants to see something positive for the community of Bloomington and his property. He stated that he was born and raised in Bloomington but he no longer lives in Bloomington. He said his heart is still here and wants good things for the community and wants the best for Bloomington as he still owns a business here. He stated that they plan on making improvements on the site, such as pavement, landscape, lot mergers, and others.

Mr. Knuckles introduced the prospective tenants, Julia Craslin and Jaime Duncan. Ms. Craslin and Ms. Duncan stated that they are working with the state for all pertinent licenses necessary for CRV collection. They also stated that it will be a family owned business and that they have children whom they would like to have a part of the business when they grow up. They also clarified that they will be doing beverage containers only. Everything will go through the facility, it will be brought in and processed and then sold. They will have containers in the back that will be taken out daily or every other day.

Dan Flores, Field Representative, clarified that the proposed facility is classified as a large facility and would require a Conditional Use Permit from the County. To date Mr. Knuckles has not filed a formal application with the County for his project.

Council Member Ware asked what type of vendors will they be looking to buy and what kind of logistics are going to be involved in the collection process.

The proposed tenants indicated that the proposed site will primarily be CRV collection for the general public. They briefly explained the process for collection and the requirements set forth by the state. They stated that they are familiar with the recycling facility that was located on Valley Blvd. previously and will operate differently.

Chairman McDaniel asked in what way will this collection facility be different from the previous facility.

The tenants stated that the difference will be the way the business is managed.

Council Member Gosney asked the proposed tenants if they were aware of the opposition to this use by residents and businesses in and around Valley Blvd.

The tenants stated that they were not aware of any opposition.

Chairman McDaniel opened the floor to questions from the public:

Dave Jane stated that Alder and Valley is a busy intersection. He said there already is an issue with traffic and if this facility opens up there is going to be even more traffic and insufficient parking.

Mr. Knuckles indicated that the proposed tenants are the only individuals willing to pay his asking price and he believes the use is appropriate for the location.

Chairman McDaniel turned the floor over to the MAC for member comments:

Council Member Jaqueline Cox expressed that Valley Blvd. is a main street and the community has already voiced their opinion that recycling is not appropriate along Valley Blvd. in Bloomington. She does not believe the proposed project is in line with the vision the community has for the development of Valley Blvd.

Council Member Koss indicated that he believes the Planning Dept. will condition the project to address many of the concerns identified today. There are a number of requirements the county will place on the project prior to approval.

Chairman Adrian McDaniel stated that he personally would not like to see recycling in that area.

Council Member Gregory Ware expressed that he does not agree with the recycling facility coming into Bloomington. He is concerned about the impacts the facility will have on the surrounding neighborhood. During the time Bloomington Recycling was operating there was an increase in metal theft throughout Bloomington. He has concerns about the amount of public safety resources that are allocated to monitor a recycling facility. He stated that the community is going to create an economic plan to enhance Valley Blvd. and this use is not what the community envisions.

Chairman McDaniel asked each member to indicate their level of support of Mr. Knuckles proposed project:

- Council Member Cox stated that she is not in support of the proposed project.
- Council Member Gosney stated that she is not in support of the proposed project.
- Council Member Koss stated that he does support the project but recommends that the tenants speak to the Planning Dept.
- Chairman McDaniel stated that he does not support the proposed project.
- Council Member Ware stated that he does not support the proposed project.

Staff Reports

California Highway Patrol- Officer Joe Ramos

Not present.

Field Representative – Dan Flores

Mr. Flores reported that in December the County adopted a new Diesel Emissions Ordinance, which means clean air and it will bring some standards to protect air quality. He will be bringing a presentation at a future meeting. He reported that he had a meeting with Southern California Edison and they talked the easement that is used for illegal dumping and one of the things they proposed was to fence the area to prevent illegal dumping. They will have access to it and Bloomington will still have the clean-ups there.

He mentioned that he will have more information regarding the existing small recycling facility on Valley Blvd. at the next meeting. Also he reported that at today's Board of Supervisors meeting Supervisor Ovitt was elected Chair and Supervisor Gonzales was elected Vice-Chair. His final report was that Supervisor Gonzales has been working to develop and economic plan for Bloomington and Muscoy and would like to get input from the community in an effort to identify the needs and wants of the community.

Sheriff's Dept. – Capt. Steve Kovensky

Captain Kovensky wished everyone a Happy New Year. He reported that the Christmas Parade in Bloomington went very well as a lot more people were involved and there were more deputies present. He also reported that the Sheriff's Department participated in the Shop with a Cop event this year that targeted teens this year. 30 kids from Bloomington were picked and each one got to spend \$200. He also reported that the Chino Hills merger is under way. The Fontana station will be changing names to the West Valley Station. January 17th he will be leaving and Captain Mike Mascetti will be taking over. Captain Macetti has been a Captain for 2 years and has been with the Sheriff's Department for 30 years.

Special Districts –Tim Millington

Mr. Millington reported that they have three projects in the working. The landscape architect is working on the skate park. Re-imbursements from bed tax were received on Monday. He also reported that they are trying to get the lights up for the monument. They will be attaching a switch interrupter to adjust every other light or something like so as to save energy and they will be using energy efficient lights. His final report was that a bit of the grass has been cut out and a walkway will be provided as well as new picnic tables through a CDBG project.

Old Business

Last month's representative from Colton Unified is still looking for folks to be on the committee. If anyone is interested, let Council Member Gregory Ware know or the school district.

Items for Upcoming Meetings

The MAC Members requested a presentation from the CHP to discuss traffic enforcement.

Member Reports

Adrian McDaniel

Chair McDaniel said that the community needs to focus on ideas and direction that the community sees with economic development. He also stated that one of the first things is the

equestrian pathway that needs to be outlined for the Economic Development agency. He also encouraged all to take charge of the community. He said more involvement is needed because it seems that there is only a big turn out when there is a problem.

Jaqueline Cox

Council Member Cox wanted to comment on the Christmas Parade and thank everyone who was involved for their hard work.

Gregory Ware

Council Member Ware wanted to thank the Bloomington Boosters and said that the parade gets better every year. He said that it was phenomenal and that it was something special to have the MAC Members sit on the vehicles and be part of the Parade. He also mentioned that Assembly Member Carter is getting involved with the rail yard. Also, he mentioned that the testing at the high school will be announced.

Public Comments

Members of the public may pick up a request to address the MAC from the Council Secretary. There is a limit of three minutes per request. The following speakers were given time to speak.

Juliana Brown

Mr. Brown has is concerned about the Martinez Trucking and she has concerns with Code Enforcement. She stated that there are fleets of trucks going down residential streets from 4:30 am to 11:00 pm. Mr. Martinez was supposed to use an easement but instead they are using the residential area to make a horse shoe turn. The residents are inundated with the trucking and the diesel. She states that they are dumping things that can never be taken out of the soil. County Public Works will go out and survey truck traffic and will have to identify where there should be a commercial zone and where there shouldn't be.

Todd Warden- AQMD

Mr. Warren said that he would like to thank all those who went out to the Rubidoux meeting. The final issue on the cement plant is that the regional March 3rd will be held at the Riverside Board of Supervisors. There will be free food on March 5th at the Riverside Mission Inn.

Eric Davenport

Mr. Davenport brought some tips to prepare for an earthquake. He said that one essential item is a crank that has an output and is solar powered. He brought an example of one. Also, he mentioned that newspaper is the best insulator for food. He once wrapped up a frozen steak in newspaper and several days later it was still frozen.

David Soto- Bloomington Boosters

Mr. Soto presented Supervisor Gonzales, the Grand Marshal of the Christmas Parade with a plaque and gave a heartfelt appreciation to her. He stated that the Christmas Parade was great and acknowledged that some of the MAC members worked all day long. He said Mr. Davenport was a huge help with volunteering and getting more volunteers. He reported that 850 children were serviced. He also thanked the Sheriff's Dept. for all their support. Finally, he stated that the Christmas Parade was a huge success.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

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